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MEMORANDUM TO:- Council President Earl Harris and Members of City Council
FROM:- David S. Dennison, Executive Director, MPDO DSD
SUBJECT:- H.C.D.A. III APPLICATION

In an effort to secure the views of members of City Council prior to forwarding the subject application for resolution, an informal dinner meeting was held December 9, 1976. The following points were discussed:

- 1) City Council Members would put their views in writing by Monday 12-13-76.
- 2) Councilman Martinez requested that the application be submitted including Local Share for the St. James Church Historic Restoration.
- 3) Councilman James requested a Neighborhood Facility be established at 666 Clinton Avenue. It was agreed that the staff would look into the possibility of allocating funds for this structure. I was concerned about the ability of the City to fund any operational cost and the on-going maintenance cost for such a structure, understanding that the IGA Supermarket is in the process of being developed as a Multi-Purpose Center at Hansbury and Maple Streets. Councilman James responded that he would look into identifying possible operating agencies which could carry their own operating cost and not be a burden to

the City Operation Budget. Councilman James also supported a Local Development Corporation being developed for Bergen Street. Funds would be used to leverage loans from the Small Business Administration (S.B.A.) with anticipation of approximately \$2 million dollars worth of rehabilitation efforts ensuing for commercial establishments. Newark Economic Development Corporation would be required to assist M.P.D.C. in this effort. Councilman James also did submit a written statement which list several other items of concern. Some were, continuing the Street Lighting Program, Tree Treatment, Demolition, Health Services and other activities operating under the Model Cities Program. In addition, several traditional City Operation Budget activities mentioned will be shared with the Business Administrator for consideration in development of the City Operation Budget.

4. City Council has asked that HCDA Funds be used for the development of a dog pound. In my response, I stated that I did not feel that the development of a dog pound would be an eligible cost because of its City-Wide features. In further research I can state that under rules and regulations of the Federal Register for Community Development Section 570.201 of Ineligible Activities Section (a) (3) "any facility who's function

is by its nature community wide, unless it serves the entire community of under 10,000 population or is especially authorized other than a neighbor facility by Section 570.200 (a) (2). Examples of facilities which would ordinary be considered as being community wide are central social services facilities, group homes and half-way houses."

5. Councilman Tucker requested that a flower pot be obtained to assist in obstructing hazardous traffic at a certain residential site and highly travel intersection. Wil Allen responded by stating he would pursue this for Councilman Tucker from other funding sources than HCDA.
6. There was a request that the police be funded from the countercyclical funds appropriated from the new Public Works Economic Development Legislation for rehiring individuals layed off from the City Operation Budget. We stated we would pursue this with the Business Administrator and a determination in this respect would be made.
7. There was additional inquiry into the status of the Tree Treatment Program. It was concluded that the remaining trees that need to be addressed would

be done out of HCDA III, further the completion of the Lighting Program would also come out of HCDA III.

8. Councilman Carrino inquired about the Demolition Program. Request was made to have part of the Demolition Program to be conducted by contract and further where demolition efforts take place upon the clearing of the area grass seeds and fencing to be added. This request made by Councilman Bottone and Councilman Tucker. The response was that the staff would look into this situation to determine the status of the Demolition Program. We had previously been informed by Mr. Elton Hill that the program was operating on a schedule that would allow it to catch up with the seventy (70) or eighty (80) some structures that were waiting to be torned down. As far as the grass seeds and the fencing, we would ensure that the contracts and agreements relating to the Demolition Program will be adhered to. Further, it was requested that where outside contractors have the responsibility for demolishing buildings that there should be a time consideration clause added into their contract, perhaps sixty (60) days in which to demolish the structures or be in violations of their contract. Staff responded that they would follow-up on this to

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ensure that an appropriate clause was included in all demolition contracts.

9. Councilman Bottone inquired about a Local Development Corporation being established in the Roseville Avenue Area, and also major areas that have commercial strips that are entrances into the City of Newark. Our response was that the Newark Economic Development Corporation is actively working with the corporation on South Orange Avenue and would further be involved with MPDO in the development of a Local Development Corporation on Bergen Street. While there may be willingness on the part of local businesses to participate in establishing a Local Development Corporation, caution must be taken in respect to possible over extending the program at this time. It was recommended that the Roseville Avenue or Orange Avenue area be included in this years program and that we take into consideration other suitable areas that might be ready at this time to move.

10. Councilman Bottone further requested that a Vest Pocket Park be located on Halsted Street at Silver Edge.

11. Councilman Tucker requested that we review the valley's housing stock to determine the feasibility of inclusion

in Neighborhood Improvement Program.

12. Councilman Tucker requested that we provide the Council with a status report covering Block 2777.

The overall themes of the Newark Housing and Community Development Act Third Year Program are to maximize utilization of various funding sources to conserve local neighborhood residential and commercial areas. Further, to develop and preserve downtown, residential and commercial sectors is of extreme importance. Finally, the programs will continue to development support needs of the City. A positive impact on private job expansion and the rehabilitation and physical development of much needed structures should result.